



COMMUNITY DATA

Sussex County Economic Development Office

February 2014

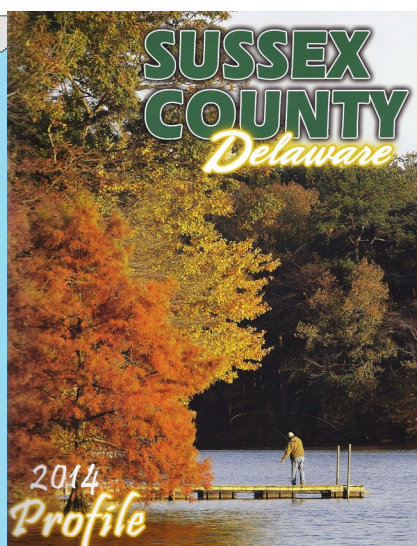
Reports

- ♦ [2014 Sussex County Profile](#) unveiled
- ♦ [Blue Collar Task Force](#) completed their report in January.
- ♦ [2013 Real Estate Sales](#) \$1.3B+
- ♦ [Delaware Economic Index](#), published quarterly by the Delaware State Treasury contains a wealth of information from gas prices, to Regional CPI, to the Small Business Optimism Index.
- ♦ [Small Businesses Loan Access](#) reportedly getting easier.

“Homes are selling, more Realtors are joining the association and, overall, things are very much looking up for our area and for our industry. We are all very excited moving forward.”

Brad Riedle

SCAOR President



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Monthly Meetings

- ◇ [Georgetown](#)
1st Wednesday
Wesleyan Church
- ◇ [Seaford](#)
2nd Thursday
Nanticoke Sr. Ctr.
- ◇ [SEDAC](#) 1st Friday
DTCC Owens
Carter Partnership

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New Business

- ◇ [Holt Furnishings](#) in Millsboro
- ◇ [Crab Cake Factory Bayside](#) (formerly Oasis) in Fenwick
- ◇ [North East Tea & Bean](#) in Georgetown
- ◇ [Attic Treasures](#) in Georgetown
- ◇ [Mid-Atlantic Fasteners](#) in Delmar
- ◇ [Solar City](#) in Seaford
- ◇ [Greene Turtle](#) (was Irish Eyes) in Rehoboth Beach
- ◇ [Brazilian](#) restaurant (was Cloud 9) under Meg Hudson's ownership in Rehoboth Beach
- ◇ [Preston Automart](#) in Millsboro

Changes to Existing Business

- ◇ [Miller Metal](#) in Bridgeville is adding more jobs
- ◇ [Cape May-Lewes Ferry](#) celebrates 40 years
- ◇ [Social Security](#) office relocating from Georgetown to Lewes in 2014
- ◇ [YWCA Delaware](#) welcomes new CEO and closes Georgetown office.

Potential Business Needs

- ◇ Existing Funeral Director: expanded territory
- ◇ Existing Cabinet Maker: additional space
- ◇ Snack Vendor: warehouse space

Upcoming Meetings

- 2/11 [Eastern Shore Defense Alliance](#) (ESDA) meeting to reference FAA's UAV site selection that includes Wallops.
- 2/19 State Wide Chamber Partnership [Business 2 Business Expo](#)



- 2/20-21 [2014 Agricultural Outlook Forum](#) held in Arlington, Virginia.

State and Federal Information

- [DNREC On-Site Wastewater Regulations](#) became effective 1/11.
- [DeIDOT Rt. 26](#) Construction began 1/13. Construction of the four-mile long project will widen the existing two-lane roadway to include two eleven-foot travel lanes with five-foot shoulder/bike lanes and a twelve-foot wide continuous shared center left turn lane.
- [USDA Commuting Codes](#) The rural-urban commuting area (RUCA) codes classify U.S. census tracts using measures of population density, urbanization, and daily commuting.

*January
meetings
that were
cancelled :*

- *SEDAC*
- *1M Cups*
- *Georgetown
ED*
- *Airport Ad-
visory*

The monthly publication of Sussex County's Community Data is now available through a sign up list. Go to the website and never miss another informative issue. Sign up now.

**Community
Data**

Population

2010 Census Figures

Persons under 5 years old	5.83%	11,487
Persons 5-19 years old	16.75%	33,013
Persons 50 years and older	43.43%	85,627
Persons 65 years old and over	20.83%	41,073

[Source: US Census American FactFinder](#)

Sussex County

Population Growth

Rate 2000-2010

25.9%

Population

Municipality	1990	2000	2010	Change	Change
Bethany Beach	326	903	1,060	157	15%
Bethel	178	184	171	-13	-8%
Blades	834	956	1,241	285	23%
Bridgeville	1,210	1,436	2,048	612	30%
Dagsboro	398	519	805	286	36%
Delmar	962	1,407	1,597	190	12%
Dewey Beach	204	301	341	40	12%
Ellendale	313	327	381	54	14%
Fenwick Island	186	342	379	37	10%
Frankford	591	714	847	133	16%
Georgetown	3,732	4,643	6,422	1,779	28%
Greenwood	578	837	973	136	14%
Henlopen Acres	107	139	122	-17	-14%
Laurel	3,226	3,668	3,708	40	1%
Lewes	2,295	2,932	2,747	-185	-7%
Long Neck	N/A	886	1,980	1,094	55%
Milford	6,040	6,732	5,779	-953	-16%
Millsboro	1,643	2,360	3,877	1,517	39%
Millville	206	259	544	285	52%
Milton	1,417	1,657	2,576	919	36%
Ocean View	606	1,006	1,882	876	47%
Rehoboth	1,234	1,495	1,327	-168	-13%
Seaford	5,689	6,699	6,928	229	3%
Selbyville	1,335	1,645	2,167	522	24%
Slaughter Beach	114	198	207	9	4%
South Bethany	148	492	449	-43	-10%

[Source: US Census FactFinder](#)





Race/Ethnicity

White	79.0%	155,663	Net Domestic Immigration 2011 Ranking	
Black	12.7%	25,115		
Hispanic or Latino origin	8.6%	16,654	Rank	
Asian	1.0%	1,943		
American Indian and Alaska	0.8%	1,564		
Native Hawaiian and Other	0.1%	150		
			Delaware	21
			Pennsylvania	31
			Maryland	34
			New Jersey	47
			New York	51

Source: Sussex
County Data
Processing

Building Permits

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Residential	\$179,304,471	\$174,893,248	\$183,209,335	\$187,378,538	\$219,582,434
Commercial/Industrial	\$69,825,921	\$20,656,028	\$27,785,646	\$44,713,316	\$32,768,438
Manufactured Homes	\$14,272,330	\$9,364,807	\$10,012,787	\$7,641,638	\$6,956,340
Multi-Family	\$47,271,571	\$37,575,290	\$31,188,729	\$47,304,424	\$60,348,110
# Permits	7,884	6,548	6,838	6,981	7,121

Financial Institutions

Total Liabilities, Min. Int. & Equity Capital
Statements as of 12/31/12
(dollars in thousands)
* actual dollars



State Chartered Banks Chartered in Sussex County

Bank of Delmarva	430,178
Community Bank of Delaware	142,047
County Bank	333,766
Discover Bank	71,837,249

Sussex Building and Loan Association

Bridgeville Building & Loan*	4,765,831
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State Chartered Banks with Sussex County Branches

Applied Bank	178,939
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National Banks with Sussex County Branches

PNC Bank, National Association	263,309,559
TD Bank, N.A.	203,985,615

Out of State Banks with Sussex County Branches

Wells Fargo Bank	1,844,210
M&T	3,459,217
Fulton Bank	426,544
Capital One	52,219
RBS Citizens, N.A.	1,123,394
Bank of America, National Association	1,514,205
Calvin B. Taylor Banking Co. of Berlin	6,443

Federal Savings Banks with Sussex County Branches

First Shore Federal Savings & Loan	41,403
WSFS	4,363,066

Source: Office of the State Banking Commissioner

Current Workforce

Sussex Nonfarm Employment by Selected Industry - Not Seasonally Adjusted (in thousands)

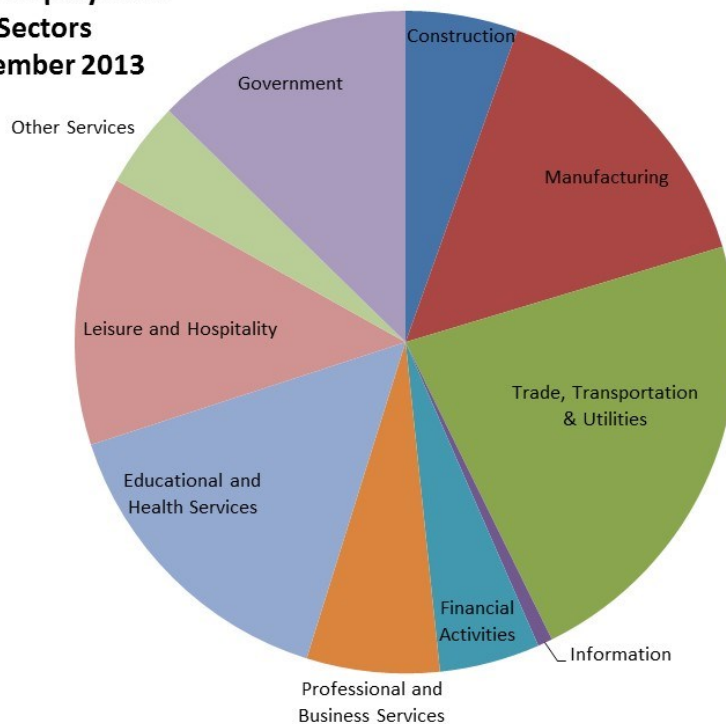
INDUSTRY	Dec-13	Nov-13	Dec-12	Net Change to Dec. 2013 from	
				Nov-13	Dec-12
Construction	3.8	3.9	3.7	-0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	10.3	10.3	10.4	0.0	-0.1
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	15.5	15.6	15.0	-0.1	0.5
Information	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.4	3.5	3.2	-0.1	0.2
Professional and Business Services	4.5	4.6	4.6	-0.1	-0.1
Educational and Health Services	10.5	10.4	10.2	0.1	0.3
Leisure and Hospitality	9.1	9.5	9.1	-0.4	0.0
Other Services	2.9	2.9	2.7	0.0	0.2
Government	8.8	8.8	8.6	0.0	0.2

Current Data Preliminary: Previous Month Revised

NAICS based industry estimates

[Source: Delaware Department of Labor](#)

**Major Employment
Sectors
December 2013**





Projected Workforce Occupations

Projected 2020 Occupations in Sussex County				
Job Title	2010	2020	Annual Growth	Annual Openings
Total, All Occupations	76430	88750	1.51%	3210
Office and Administrative Support	10140	11360	1.15%	355
Sales and Related	9780	11220	1.39%	457
Food Preparation and Serving Related	9290	10700	1.43%	465
Production	8060	8580	0.63%	269
Transportation and Material Moving	5150	5820	1.24%	197
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	4260	5700	2.95%	227
Education, Training, and Library	3890	4520	1.52%	157
Construction and Extraction	3220	4380	3.12%	183
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	3230	3760	1.53%	125
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	3140	3750	1.80%	118
Healthcare Support	2150	3000	3.36%	114
Personal Care and Service	2390	2970	2.17%	115

[Source Delaware Department of Labor](#)

Chambers of Commerce

Bethany/Fenwick	302-539-2100	www.bethany-fenwick.org
Dagsboro	302-732-6947	NA
Delmar	302-846-3336	www.delmar-chamberofcommerce.com
Georgetown	302-856-1544	www.georgetowncoc.com
Laurel	302-875-9319	www.laurelchamber.com
Lewes	302-645-8073	www.leweschamber.com
Milford	302-422-3344	www.milfordchamber.com
Millsboro	302-934-6777	www.millsborochamber.com
Milton	302-684-1101	www.historicmilton.com
Rehoboth/Dewey	302-227-2233	www.beach-fun.com
Seaford	302-629-9690	www.seafordchamber.com
Selbyville	302-436-5526	NA



Employment

Sussex County Unemployment Statistics Not Seasonally Adjusted

Year Period	2013 Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Labor Force	90,822	90,473	91,025	90,954	91,556	94,281	95,968	94,773	91,722	90,918	90,253	90,457
Employment	82,719	82,630	83,575	84,287	85,566	88,117	89,837	89,259	86,255	85,312	84,696	84,693
Unemployment	8,103	7,843	7,450	6,667	5,990	6,164	6,131	5,514	5,467	5,606	5,557	5,764
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.9	8.7	8.1	7.3	6.5	6.5	6.4	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.4

[Source: Delaware Department of Labor](#)

Sussex County Employment and Wages by Industry 2nd Quarter 2013

Industry Description	Units	Apr. 13	May 13	Jun. 13	Average	Total Wages \$
					Mo. Empl	
					Employment	
Health care and social assistance	577	9,823	9,839	9,878	9,847	111,459,678
Total.Government	129	8,219	8,300	8,181	8,233	89,794,558
Manufacturing	159	9,115	9,144	9,175	9,145	86,962,304
Retail trade	979	11,079	11,624	12,270	11,658	71,055,505
Accommodation and food services	616	8,794	10,478	12,526	10,599	42,076,366
Construction	730	3,758	3,838	3,887	3,828	39,462,616
Administrative	341	3,119	3,246	3,331	3,232	21,700,839
Finance and insurance	251	1,614	1,608	1,620	1,614	21,500,194
Professional services	481	1,777	1,779	1,783	1,780	20,957,147
Wholesale trade	266	1,469	1,462	1,501	1,477	18,697,162
Other services	462	2,324	2,327	2,528	2,393	15,062,760
Real estate	248	1,474	1,597	1,906	1,659	12,631,279
Transportation and warehousing	192	1,279	1,333	1,375	1,329	10,773,546
Utilities	9	366	371	372	370	8,111,187
Agriculture	94	792	827	888	836	6,391,004
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	101	906	1190	1,577	1224	5,569,950
Information	58	490	489	493	491	5,381,038
Management	18	209	198	178	195	3,638,227
Educational services	29	182	190	185	186	918,812

Note: * indicates non-releasable data

** indicates businesses which operate in more than one county and are not reported by individual location



[Source: Delaware Department of Labor](#)

Sussex County Employment and Wages

by Industry in Descending Order of Total Wages

Community Data

SUSSEX COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAXES, 2013-2014



County: <input type="text"/>						
Tax Rate/\$100 Assessment	Assessment Ratio	County Capitation Tax	School Capitation Tax	Date of Last Assessment		
\$0.3983	50%	\$0.00	see footnotes	1974		
Incorporated Areas:						Total tax rate Per \$100 Assessment
School District/City	County Rate	School Rate	City Rate	Library Rate	Vo-Tech Rate	
Cape Henlopen						
Dewey Beach***	0.3983	\$2.977	\$0.40	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$4.0819
Henlopen Acres	0.3983	\$2.977	\$2.62	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$6.3019
Lewes***	0.3983	\$2.977	\$0.57	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$4.2519
Milton***	0.3983	\$2.977	\$0.216	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$3.8979
Rehoboth Beach***	0.3983	\$2.977	\$1.78	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$5.4619
Delmar						
Delmar***	0.3983	\$3.8094	\$0.52	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$5.0343
Indian River						
Bethany Beach***	0.3983	\$2.743	\$0.170	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$3.6179
Dagsboro***	0.3983	\$2.743	\$0.56	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$4.0079
Fenwick Island	0.3983	\$2.743	\$1.92	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$5.3679
Frankford	0.3983	\$2.743	\$2.50	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$5.9479
Georgetown	0.3983	\$2.743	\$3.14	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$6.5879
Millsboro***	0.3983	\$2.743	\$0.56	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$4.0079
Millville***	0.3983	\$2.743	\$0.50	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$3.9479
Ocean View ***	0.3983	\$2.743	\$0.1588	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$3.6067
Selbyville	0.3983	\$2.743	\$1.85	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$5.2979
South Bethany	0.3983	\$2.743	\$1.30	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$4.7479
Laurel						
Bethel	0.3983	\$3.589	\$0.40	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$4.6939
Laurel***	0.3983	\$3.589	\$2.29	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$6.5839
Milford						
Ellendale	0.3983	\$3.5870	\$1.50	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$5.7919
Milford***	0.3983	\$3.5870	\$0.46	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$4.7519
Slaughter Beach***	0.3983	\$3.5870	\$0.75	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$5.0419
Seaford						
Blades***	0.3983	\$3.360	\$1.40	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$5.4649
Seaford***	0.3983	\$3.360	\$0.31	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$4.3749
Woodbridge						
Bridgeville	0.3983	\$3.690	\$2.00	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$6.3949
Greenwood	0.3983	\$3.690	\$1.80	\$0.0467	\$0.2599	\$6.1949

Unincorporated Areas:					
School District	County Rate	School Rate	Vo-Tech Rate	Library Rate	Total tax rate Per \$100 Assessment
Cape Henlopen	0.3983	\$2.977	\$0.2599	\$0.0467	\$3.6819
Delmar	0.3983	\$3.8094	\$0.2599	\$0.0467	\$4.5143
Indian River	0.3983	\$2.743	\$0.2599	\$0.0467	\$3.4479
Laurel	0.3983	\$3.589	\$0.2599	\$0.0467	\$4.2939
Milford	0.3983	\$3.5870	\$0.2599	\$0.0467	\$4.2919
Seaford	0.3983	\$3.360	\$0.2599	\$0.0467	\$4.0649
Woodbridge	0.3983	\$3.690	\$0.2599	\$0.0467	\$4.3949

*** SEE FOOTNOTES AT END OF REPORT.

Unless otherwise noted in the footnotes section, Sussex County taxes property at 50% of the 1974 appraised value.

*** SUSSEX COUNTY

The Town of Bethany Beach taxes property at 100% of its 2002 assessment.
The Town of Blades taxes property at 50% of its 1989 assessment.
The Town of Dagsboro taxes property at 100% of its 1994 assessment.
The Town of Delmar taxes property at 100% of its 2008 assessment.
The Town of Dewey Beach taxes property at 100% of the 1974 county assessment. (used only for beach replenishment)
The Town of Laurel taxes property at 100% of its 1974 assessment.
The Town of Lewes taxes property at 50% of its 2000 assessment.
The City of Milford taxes property at 100% of its 2012 assessment.
The Town of Millsboro taxes property at 100% of its 1992 assessment.
The Town of Millville taxes property at 100% of its 1974 assessment.
The town of Milton taxes property at 100% of its 2009 assessment.
The Town of Ocean View taxes property at 100% of its 2012 assessment.
The Town of Rehoboth Beach taxes property at 50% of its 1968 assessment.
The City of Seaford taxes property at 100% of its 2008 assessment.
The Town of Slaughter Beach taxes property at 100% of its 1974 assessment.
School District Capitation rates: Indian River, 12.00; Laurel, 24.30; Woodbridge, 8.82; Delmar, 13.00.

Taxes

State of Delaware: The State has never had a general sales tax or an inventory tax. There are no State real property taxes and the local real property taxes are very low.

Sussex County: Appraisal at 100% and assessed at 50% of 1974 Market Value. The rate, which has held for

20 years is 44.5 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. This tax includes the county's cost for General Obligation Bonds, Libraries, Paramedics and the general operation of the County Government.

Cities and Towns: Municipal governments are financed in part through real

property tax receipts. Real estate in incorporated areas is subject to municipal property taxes, county property taxes, school district property taxes and vocational school taxes. The total property tax burden depends on the tax rate, property assessment and assessment ratio.



Although many states around the country continue to violate ozone standards, peak levels have been dropping for years as federally mandated pollution control levels reduce emissions of ozone-forming compounds. Delaware now seldom exceeds the 125 ppb limit for any single hour, a level that was topped 29 days in 1983 and 28 days in 1988.





Transportation

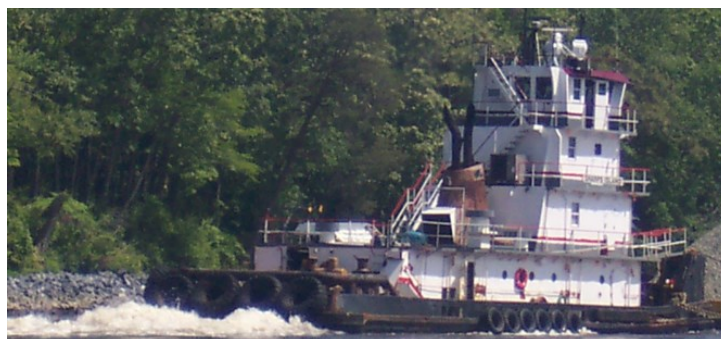
Major Highways	Rt. 1, Rt. 13, Rt. 113
Rail	Norfolk Southern Delaware Coast Line Railroad - Shortline Maryland and Delaware Railroad - Shortline
Water	Nanticoke River to Chesapeake Bay Mispillion River to Delaware River/Atlantic Ocean
Air	Sussex County Airport Laurel Airport
Public Transportation	Cape May-Lewes Ferry Service DART Transit through DeIDOT



Traffic Counts

The most current [Sussex County traffic count information](#) available through the Delaware Department of Transportation (DeIDOT).

Travel Time to Work 24 Minutes
National Average 25.5 Minutes



Air Quality

State/County	2010 Population*	CO 8-hr (ppm)	Pb RQmax (µg/m ³)	NO ₂ AM (ppm)	O ₃ 8-hr (ppm)	PM ₁₀ 24-hr (µg/m ³)	PM _{2.5} Wtd AM (µg/m ³)	PM _{2.5} 24-hr (µg/m ³)	SO ₂ AM (ppm)	SO ₂ 24-hr (ppm)
DE Sussex County	197,145	ND	ND	ND	0.084	ND	9.9	27	ND	ND
MD Anne Arundel County	537,656	ND	ND	ND	0.087	45	11	28	ND	ND
NY New York County	1,585,873	2	ND	ND	0.074	ND	11.5	27	ND	ND
NJ Camden County	513,657	0	ND	ND	0.088	85	9.5	23	0.615	5.7
VA Fairfax County	1,081,726	ND	0	ND	0	ND	10	24	ND	ND
DC District of Columbia	601,723	3	ND	17.595	0.086	85	11.1	29	3.372	10.5

Housing

July
Sales: 246
Median Price
Increase
over last year:
8.3%



Housing Units by Municipality

	Total	Occupied	Vacant	% Occupied
Bethany Beach	2,653	566	2,087	21.3%
Bethel	103	76	27	73.8%
Blades	487	428	59	87.9%
Bridgeville	980	841	139	85.8%
Dagsboro	364	311	53	85.4%
Delmar	682	598	84	87.7%
Dewey Beach	1,490	180	1,310	12.1%
Ellendale	147	128	19	87.1%
Fenwick Island	764	201	563	26.3%
Frankford	281	252	29	89.7%
Georgetown	2,030	1,847	183	91.0%
Greenwood	457	399	58	87.3%
Henlopen Acres	195	67	128	34.4%
Laurel	1,480	1,277	203	86.3%
Lewes	2,638	1,392	1,246	52.8%
Long Neck	2,313	1,018	1,295	44.0%
Milford	2,501	2,262	239	90.4%
Millsboro	1,878	1,609	269	85.7%
Millville	433	235	198	54.3%
Milton	1,340	1,101	239	82.2%
Ocean View	1,928	888	1,040	46.1%
Rehoboth	3,219	761	2,458	23.6%
Seaford	3,001	2,686	315	89.5%
Selbyville	913	797	116	87.3%
Slaughter Beach	246	102	144	41.5%
South Bethany	1,297	247	1,050	19.0%

Census County Divisions (CCD)

Lewes CCD	28630	14243	14387	0.49748516
Milford South CCD	9,146	7,913	1,233	86.5%
Millsboro CCD	16,735	10,886	5849	65.0%
Milton CCD	8,038	6,010	2,028	74.8%
Seaford CCD	10,385	9,421	864	90.7%
Selbyville-Frankford CCD	30,865	13,503	17,362	43.7%

Source: US Census American FactFinder



Realtors survey showed an average of two sales per week * 8/3% increase over same month one year ago * Homes are selling for 95% of list price.



2012

Fair Market Rent

Single Family Homes Sold	600	1 Bedroom	\$697
Value of Homes Sold	>\$1B	2 Bedroom	\$774
Ownership Rate	80.9%	3 Bedroom	\$1,059
Units Without Mortgage	42%		

Source: SCAOR

SUSSEX COUNTY RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE

2011 Jan-Jun

Total Sales Value \$415,868,834

Average Sales Price

2 Bedroom	\$172,594
3 Bedroom	\$223,296
4 Bedroom	\$591,951

Total Units Sold

	1427
Single Family	790
Condo/Townhouse	277



HOUSING OCCUPANCY	Number	Percent
Total housing units	125,700	100
Occupied housing units	77,995	59.3
Vacant housing units	47,705	40.7
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent) [8]	5.4	(X)
Rental vacancy rate (percent) [9]	8.9	(X)
Occupied housing units	77,995	100
Owner-occupied housing units	60,055	77
Renter-occupied housing units	17,940	23
Average household size of owner-occupied units	2.44	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied units	3.00	(X)

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Seaford High School

Strategic Plan

Unveiled

February, 12, 2013

Delaware Student

Testing Scores

are available for the

[2012-2013](#) School Year

Education

Public School Districts

Cape Henlopen	4,634
Delmar	1,282
Indian River	8,784
Laurel	2,194
Milford	4,207
Seaford	3,508
Sussex Tech	1,295
Woodbridge	2,179

Enrollment

Secondary Education

Delaware Technical & Community College
Delaware State University
University of Delaware
Wilmington College

High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+	85.20%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+	21.20%

Charter School

Sussex Academy	329
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SAT Scores (2009-2010)

	Sussex	Delaware	National
Math	472	482	516
Critical Reading	470	479	501
Writing	457	464	492
Total	1399	1425	1509

[Source: Delaware Department of Education](#)

Services



Fire Protection	21 Volunteer Fire Companies
Police Protection	3 State Police Units 19 Local Police Units
Ambulance Service	21 Ambulance Squads 10 Paramedic Units
Libraries	14 Public Libraries

[Source: Sussex County EMS](#)

Utilities

Electricity	Delaware Electric Cooperative, Inc., Delmarva Power and Seaford, Lewes, Milford municipalities
Natural Gas	Chesapeake Utilities Corporation
Water/Sewer	Capacities vary according to municipal and county service areas
Solid Waste Disposal	Delaware Solid Waste Authority
Telephone	Verizon, Comcast
Cable	Comcast Cablevision, MediaCom





Agriculture

- Approximately 45% of the county's land (270,000 acres) resides in 1,374 farms.
- Average size of farm is 196 acres.
- Over 35,000 acres in farms are permanently preserved for agricultural use.
- Average value of agricultural products produced is \$618,000 with average production expenditures of \$453,000 per farm.
- Farm production expenditures exceed \$620 million annually.
- #1 broiler producing county in the U.S. (over 210 million birds annually).
- #1 in lima bean producing county in the U.S. (over 6,300 acres).
- Average value of crops sold per acre of harvested cropland is \$573.00.
- In the top 2% of counties nationally in value of vegetables produced.
- Ranked 14th nationally in value of livestock, poultry and their products sold.
- Over 72,000 acres of irrigated cropland.
- 3,400 equine on 700 equine operations utilizing 9,000 acres.



Agriculture in Sussex County employed 15,378 people

9,615 direct

2,771 indirect

2,992 induced

A total industry output of

\$3.78 billion, including

\$711 million in labor income

Major Employers



Manufacturing

- PATS Aircraft 300+ employment www.patsaircraft.com
- Merck Animal Health 300+ employment www.merck-animal-health-usa.com
- Invista 100+ employment www.invista.com
- NRG Energy 100+ www.nrgenergy.com

Agriculture/Food Processing

- Mountaire Farms 1000+ employment www.mountaire.com
- Allen Harim Foods, LLC 500+ employment www.allenharimllc.com
- Sea Watch International 100+ employment www.seawatch.com
- Dogfish Head Brewery 100+ employment www.dogfish.com
- Perdue, Inc. 100+ employment www.perdueagribusiness.com

Healthcare

Along with three hospitals, there are extended-care and extended-living facilities across the county. They are actively developing partnerships and expanding services in order to accommodate the growing needs of the population.

- Beebe Medical Center, Lewes www.beebemed.org
Largest County Employer 2000+ employment
- Bayhealth Medical Center, 1000+ employment Milford
www.bayhealth.com
- Nanticoke Health Services, Seaford www.nanticoke.org

[Allen Harim](#) hires

Steven Evans as

Chief Executive

Begins 9/3/2013



Source: 2013 Sussex County Profile





Tourism

- 15,000 direct jobs
- Attracts new business and new money
- 30 Mi of Ocean Frontage
- Mean length of stay is 2 nights
- Mean total per trip spending is \$365
- Tourism Industry is the #4 employer

Accommodations:

Home/condo rental	42%
Hotel/motel	30%
Second home	19%
Camping/RV	6%
Bed & Breakfast	3%

Most popular activities:

- #1 Dining
- #2 Beach
- #3 Shopping
- #4 Festivals



[Source: Southern Delaware Tourism](#)



Business & Industrial Parks

- Sussex County Industrial Airpark, Georgetown
- King Farm Industrial Park, Georgetown
- Ross Business Park, Seaford
- Seaford Industrial Park, Seaford
- Selbyville Industrial Park, Selbyville

To supplement the 175-acre County airpark, a 70-acre private industrial park received approval in April 2009.

The 150-acre Ross Business Park complements the long established Seaford Industrial park.

Light industry is the target for Selbyville's 36-acre park located along the rail lines. Broadband infrastructure is currently in place and lines are expected to be in place in early 2010.



Economic Development in Sussex County, DE

Sussex County Economic Development is part of the Sussex County government. It serves Sussex Countians by improving the overall well-being and quality of life by growing incomes and increasing the tax base. This is done primarily by creating new jobs through responsibly recruiting new business to the County and encouraging job retention and growth of existing businesses.

It is consistent with Governor Markell's initiative for the State of Delaware which includes the expansion of existing business and development and encouragement of entrepreneurial efforts.

Featured in March 2014 Issue

Please feel free to offer suggestions for future issues. Next month will include Features on government partners and resources for existing businesses and their supply chain.

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